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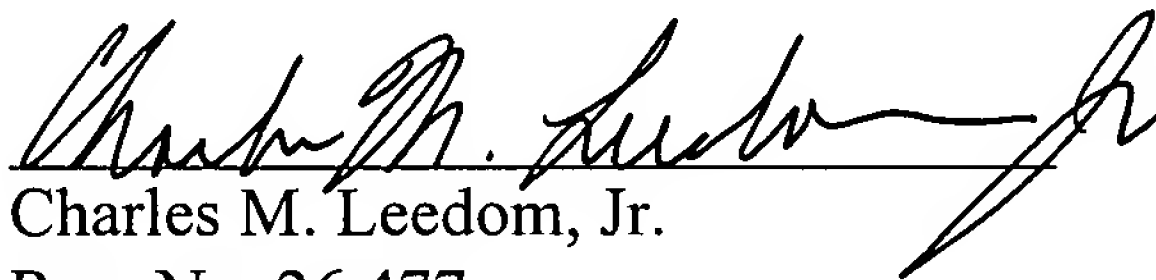
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application where support is found for each and every limitation of application claims 21-31 (identical with '164 claims 1-7 and 10-13 respectively).

The remarks submitted with the paper on January 21, 1998 further demonstrate that claims 8-9 and 14-23 of the '164 patent are obvious in view of the count and are therefore believed to correspond substantially to the count. The reasons for this belief is discussed on page 5 of the remarks included with the paper filed on January 21, 1999.

Application claims 14-20 do not correspond to the proposed claim and should not be involved in the interference being sought by applicant. If the Examiner has any further questions, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

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